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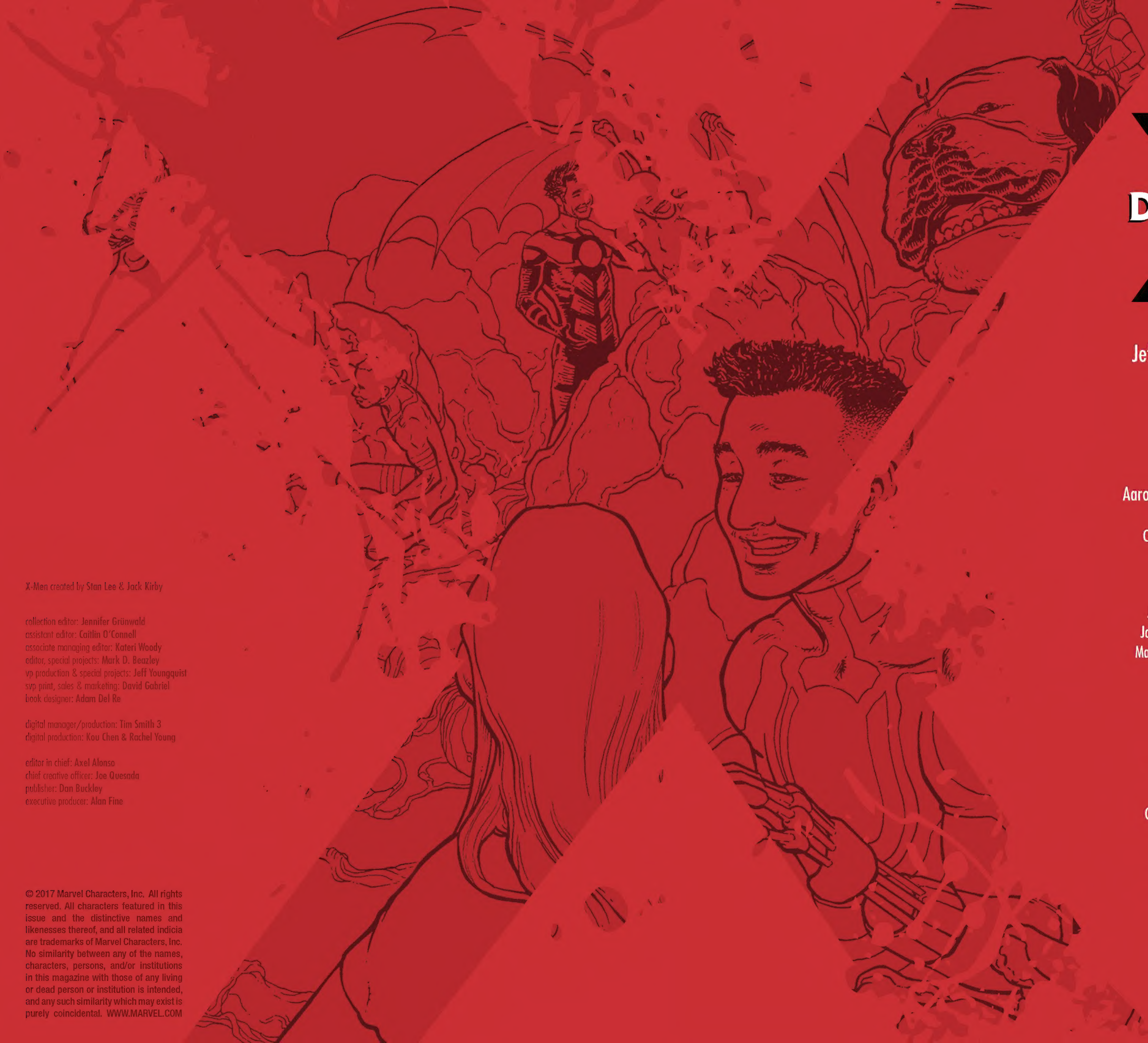

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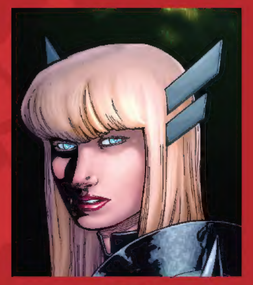
MUTANTS

Considered to be the next step in human evolution, mutants discover their heritage at puberty, when they manifest superhuman powers and abilities. But rather than being celebrated for their gifts, mutants are hated and feared.

CYCLOPS

EMMA FROST


MAGIK

ICEMAN

STEPFORD CUCKOOS

GOLDBALLS

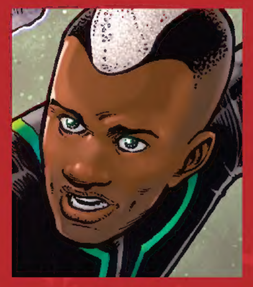
INHUMANS

Thousands of years ago aliens experimented on cavemen, supercharging their evolution, and then mysteriously left their experiments behind. These men and women — called "Inhumans" — built the city of Attilan and discovered a chemical called Terrigen that unlocks secret super-powers in their modified DNA. Black Bolt unleashed the Terrigen Mists across the planet in the hope of awakening latent Inhumans worldwide.

CRYSTAL

GORGON

GRID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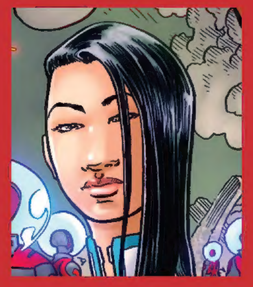
NAJA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MO!

SOMEWHERE OVER THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

ONE YEAR AGO.

KZZT--MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE. WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE STAYED. NOW I THINK IT MAY BE **TOO LATE.** WE NEED HELP! PLEASE! WE NEED--KZZT--

BLACKBIRD--HI-TECH JET OF THE UNCANNY X-MEN.

THAT'S IT, THAT'S THE ENTIRE MESSAGE?

THAT'S IT, EMMA. WE INTERCEPTED IT AN HOUR AGO AND SCANS CONFIRM THE DISTRESS CALL CAME FROM *MUIR ISLAND.*

SOUNDED LIKE MADROX'S VOICE TO ME.

IT WAS DEFINITELY JAMIE MADROX'S VOICE, MAGIK, BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM SOUND SO...

SO WHAT, ICEMAN?

SO *SCARED.*

UM...ARE YOU GUYS SURE I SHOULD BE ON THIS MISSION? SOUNDS KIND OF OUT OF MY LEAGUE.

WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE, GOLDBALLS.

PLAY NICE, GIRLS. AND HEADS UP, WE ARE APPROACHING MUIR ISLAND...

AT LEAST *I THINK* THAT'S MUIR ISLAND.

MATSUMOTO, JAPAN.

AH... LOOK AT THAT.

BEAUTIFUL.

THE RIV--
AERIAL HQ OF THE UNCANNY INHUMANS.

THE TERRIGEN CLOUD SHOULD HIT MATSUMOTO IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES.

SOME OF THE RESIDENTS TEMPORARILY EVACUATED TO OTHER PARTS OF THE PREFECTURE, BUT MOST DECIDED TO STAY. ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND.

SO EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE ORIGINAL POPULATION. THAT'S GOOD NEWS, CRYSTAL. SIX MONTHS AGO, WE WERE GETTING NEAR-FULL EVACUATIONS.

IT'S BETTER THAN THAT, GORGON-- WHEN I CHANGED IN MUMBAI, PEOPLE ***PANICKED*** AS THAT CLOUD ROLLED THROUGH.

BUT ACCORDING TO THE RIV'S SENSORS, IT'S ALL VERY CALM DOWN THERE.

"A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY ***EXCITED*** FOR THE CLOUD TO HIT. THEY'RE ***WAITING*** FOR IT."

WELL, OF COURSE, GRID.

WE'LL WANT TO GET DOWN THERE SOON.

THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED US TO OFFER ANY AID THESE PEOPLE MIGHT REQUIRE AS THEIR INHUMAN ABILITIES EMERGE.

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND...THAT MEANS ABOUT TWENTY PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH INHUMAN DNA TO COCOON UP WHEN THE T-CLOUD HITS.

I'LL DIVE DOWN THERE RIGHT NOW! I ***LOVE*** THIS PART. IT'S ALWAYS AMAZING TO WATCH.

SURE, NAJA. BUT FIRST, LET ME SAY SOMETHING.

WE'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD THESE PAST FEW MONTHS TO TEACH HUMANITY TO ACCEPT US, AND ACCEPT THAT SOME OF THEM ***ARE*** US.

AND SO, I WANT TO ***THANK YOU.*** WHAT WE'RE DOING...IT'S WORKING. THE PEOPLE IN THAT PARK LOOK AT THAT CLOUD...

"...AND THEY SEE ***HOPE.***"

MUIR ISLAND.

SCOTT, THIS GAS, SHOULD WE--

IF YOU'RE *SCARED*, ILLYANA, YOU CAN ALWAYS STAY IN THE BLACKBIRD WITH THE *OTHER CHILDREN.*

SPARE THE CONDESCENSION, EMMA. SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE AND YOU KNOW IT! WHERE IS EVERYONE?

WHATEVER THIS STUFF IS, I'M STARTING TO FEEL PRETTY GROSS.

EMMA.

BE READY FOR ANYTHING.

LOVELY.

I'M *ALWAYS* READY FOR ANYTHING, DARLING.

SCOTT, I'M ONLY SENSING A FEW MINDS HERE OTHER THAN OUR OWN. WAS THIS NOT A *FULLY STAFFED* MUTANT RESEARCH FACILITY?

OH, MAN. I REALLY WISH I'D STAYED IN THE PLANE.

⸗COUGH⸗ STAFFED BY MADROX MOSTLY. JUST HIM, HIS MULTIPLE SELVES, AND A SKELETON CREW OF MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC STAFF-- ⸗COUGH⸗⸗COUGH⸗

SCOTT?

I--I'M FINE.

LET'S JUST KEEP MOVING.

MUIR ISLAND
BIO LAB 8
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY

ILLYANA, CAN YOU GIVE US SOME LIGHT?

YES, BUT I DON'T LIKE THIS. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT WE'RE ***DEALING WITH*** HERE BEFORE SOMEONE GETS HURT.

I THINK IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT...

MY GOD.

THESE BOILS...I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.

I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OF OUR ENEMIES WITH POWERS THIS--

--THIS *HORRIBLE.*

WE NEED TO FIND OUT *WHAT* DID THIS. WE SHOULD GO THROUGH THE LAB, CHECK THEIR WORK AND THE COMPUTERS. SEE WHAT WE CAN FIND.

AND WE MUST LOCATE MADROX.

GIRLS, WHAT'S WRONG?

SOMEONE IS OUT THERE.

JAPAN.

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE GOT ONE. TERRIGEN COCOON, IN THE PARK.

GOOD. WE'LL SECURE IT.

SECOND SQUAD, SPREAD OUT AND SEARCH. THE CLOUD PROBABLY GOT TO JUST ABOUT EVERYONE.

THERE ARE BOUND TO BE MORE COCOONS, SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

WE WANT TO GATHER UP ALL THE COCOONS BEFORE THEY HATCH. TERRIGEN EXPOSURE CREATES SOME UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS.

IT'LL BE EASIER TO HANDLE THEM WHEN THEY'RE STILL DORMANT, GET THEM BACK TO THE LABS FOR TESTING.

ALL RIGHT, THAT'S IT. MOVE QUICKLY. WE PROBABLY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO GET THIS DONE.

AND ABOVE ALL ELSE...

...HAIL HYDRA!

SO. LOTTA PEOPLE OUT HERE. GUESS THEY WERE WAITING FOR THE CLOUD.

LOTTA *EYEBALLS. TOO MANY.* LET'S FIX THAT.

SORRY, FOLKS.

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME.

CHK

CHK

KRAKOA

GET AWAY FROM OUR PEOPLE.

YOU HAVEN'T HURT ANYONE YET, AND SO I WILL GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE.

IT WON'T COME AGAIN.

LEAVE, OR DIE.

HEH.

YOU KNOW, IT'S FUNNY...

UH...CRYSTAL? ANY IDEAS? THOSE ARE *GUNSHIPS.*

YEAH, BUT ONLY *THREE.*

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, WE'VE ACTUALLY GOT THEM *OUTNUMBERED.*

...I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING TO YOU.

HAIL HYDRA!!!

OUTNUMBERED? LISTEN, CRYSTAL, I LIKE YOU...

...BUT WHO TAUGHT YOU HOW TO *COUNT?*

EMMA, BE CAREFUL.

PLEASE.

NO, SOMETHING IS *VERY* WRONG HERE. I THINK WE SHOULD GO. THIS WHOLE ISLAND IS A TOMB!

SHUSH! I'M THINKING. GIRLS, DO YOU--

YES.

SOMEONE'S STILL ALIVE.

ONE OF MANY. BUT NOW JUST ONE OF ONE.

WELL DONE, GIRLS.

EMMA, WAIT, WE DON'T--

NO. HERE, JUST AHEAD...

MADROX!

C-CYCLOPS-- H-HELP ME...

JAMIE?!

IT'S ME, SCOTT. THE ORIGINAL. I-- ALL OF MY DUPES, THEY--

I KNOW. IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY, JAMIE. WE ARE GOING TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE. WHAT ***HAPPENED***, JAMIE? ***WHO*** DID THIS TO YOU?

NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, SCOTT...

THE MIST...IT'S THE ***TERRIGEN MIST***. WE--WE FIGURED IT OUT WAY TOO LATE. ***THE TERRIGEN MIST DID THIS.***

WHAT? BUT THE TERRIGEN MIST IS WHAT GIVES THE INHUMANS THEIR POWERS. HOW COULD--JAMIE?

JAMIE? WAKE UP! *JAMIE!*

HE'S GONE, SCOTT.

IF HE'S RIGHT, IF THE TERRIGEN MIST REALLY DID CAUSE THIS, THEN WE'VE *ALREADY BEEN EXPOSED.*

SO WE NEED TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO STOP IT.

DO WHAT WE CAN?! THEY'RE *ALREADY ALL DEAD!*

NO, EMMA'S RIGHT. WE DON'T KNOW *ANYTHING* FOR SURE YET. IF THEY WERE STUDYING THE MIST, IF THEY HAVE DATA, WE NEED TO GET IT!

MAGIK, ICEMAN, GET THE KIDS BACK INSIDE THE *BLACKBIRD.*

EMMA--

I'M WITH YOU, SCOTT.

SCOTT? YOU'RE THE LAST PERSON I EXPECTED TO CALL...ESPECIALLY FROM MUIR ISLAND.

HANK, JAMIE IS... **EVERYONE HERE IS DEAD.** I'M SENDING YOU EVERYTHING IN THEIR DATABASES. JAMIE SAID THE TERRIGEN MIST HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

THE TERRIGEN?! MY GOD, SCOTT, THIS DATA--I'M JUST GETTING A CURSORY GLANCE, HERE. I NEED TO RUN MY OWN TESTS, BUT...

HANK, WE NEED TO BE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT SURE BEFORE-- B-BEFORE WE--

SCOTT?

SCOTT, WHAT'S WRONG?

H-HELP--

SCOTT!

HOW DO WE FIGHT THEM, CRYSTAL?! NAJA'S OUR ONLY FLYER, AND SHE CAN'T BEAT THEM ALL.

I CAN SURE AS HELL *TRY*, GRID.

JUST HOLD ON! WE'LL FIND A WAY.

ISO! ANY IDEAS?

I'M *TRYING*. THEIR ARMOR'S PROTECTING THEM FROM MY PRESSURE BLASTS, AND THEY'RE MOVING TOO FAST FOR ME TO GET INSIDE THEIR HEADS AND KNOCK THEM OUT.

I'M SORRY, I JUST...I JUST DON'T HAVE ANYTHING.

ALL RIGHT THEN.

NAJA--GET UP THERE. TRY TO CREATE SOME CHAOS. BUT BE *CAREFUL*.

FLINT, THROW UP SOME ROCKS FOR ME. HIGH AS YOU CAN, RIGHT AT THE NEAREST RANK OF HYDRA.

CHAOS. I CAN DO THAT.

THROW SOME ROCKS? DOESN'T *SHE* HAVE EARTH POWERS? IT'S TAKING ALL I'VE GOT TO HOLD THIS SHIELD!

JUST DO YOUR BEST, FLINT. THAT'S ALL SHE'S ASKING.

CHAOS! CHAOS!

ARRGH!

NNF!

FWWSSSH

HA! IT WORKED! SUN-HOT METEORS, ON DEMAND!

GET READY, FLINT--LET'S TRY THAT ONE AGA--

AGH!

KRROK

SLNK

NNNGH!

GET CRYSTAL INTO FLINT'S SHELTER-- TRY TO *WAKE HER UP.* WE'RE ALL DEAD WITHOUT HER!

I'LL--*NNGH*-- HOLD THE STONESHIELD AS LONG AS I CAN.

KRRRCK

BURN THAT INHUMAN SCUM *OUT!*

YEEEARGH!

FLINT!

KRRRCK

I...I CAN'T HOLD THIS.

I'M BURNING.

感じる…

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感じる…

NEW INHUMAN ON THE FIELD! EVASIVE! RIGHT N--

--NNNGH--

DID YOU HEAR THAT? WHAT HAPPENED?

THEY'VE… STOPPED TRYING TO *MELT* ME. I'LL TAKE IT.

OUTSIDE. CAREFULLY.

WHOA. THESE GUYS ARE *OUT*.

W-WHAT HAPPENED? ARE THEY DEAD?

NO. ENTRANCED, SOMEHOW.

NOT *ALL* OF THEM.

I GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO LEAVE. THEY CHOSE TO FIGHT.

THEIR MISTAKE.

THAT BLAST HIT ALL OF US... BUT IT ONLY AFFECTED THE HYDRA AGENTS. THE *HUMANS*.

DID ANYONE SEE WHO TRIGGERED IT?

I SAW. FROM UP ABOVE. SOME GUY WITH *BLUE HAIR*.

HONESTLY, IT WAS PRETTY AMAZING.

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THE KIDS ARE BACK--WHERE'S SCOTT?

I--

I--I'M OKAY.

YOU DON'T *LOOK* OKAY.

I SAID, *I'M FINE.*

I GOT A HOLD OF HANK.

HE WAS ABLE TO ANALYZE THEIR DATA. IT'S TRUE. THE TERRIGEN MIST *IS TOXIC TO US.* IT KILLED *ALL OF THEM.*

WAIT, HOLD ON, IF THAT'S TRUE, HOW COME *WE* AREN'T *ALL SICK?* WHY IS IT ONLY GOLDBALLS AND MADROX?

HANK DOESN'T KNOW FOR SURE YET, ICEMAN, BUT THE MIST SEEMS TO AFFECT MUTANTS TO VARYING DEGREES. BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.

"WHAT MATTERS NOW IS THAT *THE INHUMANS LIED TO US.*"

はじめまして、私はクリスタル

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SCOTT? ARE YOU BLAMING THE INHUMANS FOR THIS?

"BLAMING THEM? THEY PUT THEIR OWN SPECIES BEFORE OURS WHEN THEY RELEASED THE TERRIGEN CLOUDS INTO THE ATMOSPHERE."

WE CAN SPEAK ENGLISH. I AM DAISUKE. YOU ARE... INHUMANS?

YES. AND *SO ARE YOU.*

OH...THANK YOU. *THANK YOU.* I HAVE BEEN ALONE FOR SO LONG.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, THEY KILLED-- THEY KILLED *EVERYONE* HERE.

"AND IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, *THESE DEATHS* WILL ONLY BE THE *BEGINNING.*"

DID I...DID I REALLY *DO* THAT? PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP?

YES. YOU SAVED OUR *LIVES*, DAISUKE. WE OWE YOU.

YOU NEVER HAVE TO BE ALONE AGAIN.

THE TERRIGEN IS LOOSE. IT CAN REACH *EVERY MUTANT* ON EARTH. THERE IS NO SAFE PLACE.

TO THE *INHUMANS*, TERRIGEN IS LIFE, BUT TO US...*IT IS DEATH.*

"I WILL NOT ACCEPT THAT. I WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES. *WHATEVER IT TAKES* TO SAVE OUR PEOPLE. AS OF THIS MOMENT, WE ARE AT *WAR.*

"WE ARE *MUTANTS...*"

IF YOU WANT A PLACE WITH US, IT'S YOURS. WE CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHO YOU'VE BECOME.

AND WE'LL KEEP YOU *SAFE*--FROM PEOPLE LIKE *THIS*, AND ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT WANT TO HURT YOU. ONE THING YOU CAN SAY ABOUT THE INHUMANS...

...WE PROTECT OUR OWN.

...WE PROTECT OUR OWN.

KUDER

NEW ATTILAN.
CAPITAL CITY OF
THE INHUMAN NATION.

"THIS...THIS CAN'T BE POSSIBLE."

"I WISH IT *WEREN'T*, MEDUSA.

"JAMIE MADROX DIED ON MUIR ISLAND...

"...AND BEAST IS IN YOUR HOSPITAL RIGHT NOW TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER MUTANT-- FABIO MEDINA-- WHO WAS EXPOSED TO THE SUBSTANCE THAT KILLED MADROX."

NO. THERE'S NO DOUBT.

TERRIGEN KILLS MUTANTS.

BUT MUTANTS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO TERRIGEN MANY TIMES, STORM--THERE HAVE BEEN NO ILL EFFECTS.

BEAST SUSPECTS THAT THE MOLECULAR COMPOSITION OF THE MISTS MAY HAVE CHANGED SOMEHOW AFTER IT MIXED WITH THE ATMOSPHERE.

HOWEVER IT HAPPENED...*IT HAPPENED.*

WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE POSSIBLY CAN TO HELP. McCOY WILL HAVE EVERY RESOURCE HE NEEDS.

THANK YOU, BUT THE PROBLEM EXTENDS BEYOND NEW ATTILAN. MUTANTS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE UNAWARE OF THE DANGER POSED BY THE TERRIGEN CLOUDS.

ALL OVER THE WORLD? I THINK...PERHAPS WE CAN HELP THERE, TOO.

SOME OF US DIE IMMEDIATELY, WHILE OTHERS JUST GET VERY SICK, OR ARE UNAFFECTED.

WE'RE STILL TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

AUTO-COMM--CONTACT THE RIV, PLEASE. EMERGENCY CHANNEL.

REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGED. INITIATING CONNECTION.

YOU RANG, SISTER?

HELLO, CRYSTAL.

WHY THE EMERGENCY CHANNEL?

BECAUSE THERE'S AN EMERGENCY. I NEED TO KNOW THE LOCATIONS OF BOTH TERRIGEN CLOUDS. ARE THEY NEAR POPULATION CENTERS?

ONE'S PRETTY FAR OUT TO SEA. SHOULDN'T GET NEAR ANYTHING FOR AT LEAST A WEEK.

THE SECOND... HMM. IT'S HEADED FOR MADRID.

MADRID

GET THERE, NOW. GET AHEAD OF IT. YOU NEED TO USE THE RIV TO EVACUATE ANYONE IN THE CLOUD'S PATH WHO HOLDS THE X-GENE.

THE X-GENE? MUTANTS? HOW DO WE FIND THEM?

YOU'LL FIND A WAY. PLEASE, CRYSTAL, AS QUICK AS YOU CAN.

I...ALL RIGHT, MY SISTER. I'M ON MY WAY.

I MAY HAVE A WAY TO HELP. *FORGE*-- ONE OF MY PEOPLE, VERY GOOD WITH MACHINES-- HAS A MOBILE X-GENE LOCATOR.

I'LL TAKE A TEAM TO MADRID.

THANK YOU.

OF COURSE.

OUR PEOPLE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

STORM. WAIT.

WHO ELSE KNOWS ABOUT THIS?

A NUMBER OF US--INCLUDING *CYCLOPS*. IT WON'T STAY QUIET FOR LONG.

THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE. I WANTED TO LOOK YOU IN THE EYE. TO GAUGE YOUR REACTION.

TO SEE IF THIS WAS... *PURPOSEFUL*.

THAT'S LUDICROUS. WE HAVE NO QUARREL WITH MUTANTKIND. MY ENTIRE REIGN HAS BEEN BUILT AROUND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE WITH *EVERYONE* ON THIS PLANET.

YES. I KNOW THAT *NOW*. WHEN I WALKED IN HERE, I WASN'T SO SURE.

AND I'M NOT THE ONLY MUTANT YOU'LL NEED TO CONVINCE.

FORGE, ICEMAN. PREP THE BLACKBIRD. WE'RE LEAVING. WE NEED TO GET TO MADRID.

WAIT, THAT'S IT? HOW DID IT GO? WHAT DID MEDUSA SAY?

AND WHAT ABOUT BEAST?

BEAST WILL STAY HERE, TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE TERRIGEN PROBLEM. MEDUSA AGREED TO DO EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO HELP.

OH, SHE *DID?* THAT'S *COMFORTING.*

WHO'S SHE PLANNING TO HELP, STORM? OUR PEOPLE...

...OR HERS?

WE MUST BE VERY, VERY CAREFUL NOW.

IF EVEN *ONE* POWERFUL MUTANT DECIDES THE TERRIGEN'S EFFECT ON THE X-GENE WAS A PLANNED ATTACK...

...THEY WOULD COME FOR US. THEY WOULD ALMOST *HAVE* TO.

I WILL FIGHT FOR PEACE, BUT IF IT COMES TO IT, I WILL *WIN* A WAR.

LET'S THINK ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT DO THAT, BLACK BOLT.

TO START, I-- *UNGH!*

WHAT IS THAT?! WHAT'S HAPPENING?

THE INHUMANS?

NO...*IT'S SCOTT!*

THIS IS *CYCLOPS* OF THE *X-MEN* AND I AM SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO THE MINDS OF EVERY PERSON ON EARTH. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE INTRUSION, BUT THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY. THERE IS SOMETHING YOU ALL MUST SEE.

YESTERDAY, THE X-MEN ENCOUNTERED ONE OF THE INHUMAN *TERRIGEN CLOUDS.*

MUIR ISLAND.

THE INHUMANS WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE THAT THE CLOUD--THIS ***SUBSTANCE*** THEY POURED INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE--CAN ONLY INTERACT WITH THEIR ALIEN DNA. THAT TO THE NATIVES OF THIS PLANET, IT IS ***BENIGN.***

THEY LIED.

ARE YOU OKAY, MS. FROST?

IRMA, ***FOCUS.*** PROJECTING SCOTT TO THE WORLD IS TAKING EVERYTHING WE HAVE--DON'T GET DISTRACTED. I'M SURE MS. FROST IS ***FINE.***

WE LEARNED FAR TOO LATE THAT THE TERRIGEN MIST ***IS LETHAL.*** IT IS AN AGENT OF DISEASE AND DEATH.

ONE OF OUR OWN, JAMIE MADROX, DIED A PAINFUL DEATH. OTHERS WHO WERE EXPOSED TO THE CLOUD HAVE GROWN *VERY ILL* AND MAY SOON DIE.

THERE ARE TWO OF THESE TERRIGEN CLOUDS LOOSE IN EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE. MOVING WITH THE WIND, UNCONTROLLED, BRINGING *DEATH* WHEREVER THEY GO.

THE INHUMANS CARE ONLY ABOUT THEIR *OWN PEOPLE.* AND AS FOR THE REST OF US?

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE *LIVE OR DIE.*

OH, SCOTT... WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*

MADRID.

THE TERRIGEN CLOUD IS *TOXIC* TO MUTANTS. AND IT IS LIKELY JUST AS FATAL TO HUMANS. WE CAN NO LONGER TRUST THE INHUMANS.

AND WE CAN NO LONGER *ALLOW* THIS DANGER TO US ALL TO *EXIST.*

FOR TOO LONG YOU HAVE ALL *FEARED AND HATED* MUTANTS...

ALL THE WHILE, INHUMANS WERE RELEASING THE *REAL THREAT...*

...INTO THE *VERY AIR WE BREATHE.*

KLAUE AUDIO

THE INHUMANS LIED TO YOU.

THE X-MEN...

...WILL SAVE YOU.

MS. FROST!

JUST NOW...

...WE SAW...

I KNOW. I DO NOT--AND I SAY THIS IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE, CROSS-ME-AT-YOUR-PERIL TERMS-- **DO NOT** WISH TO TALK ABOUT IT, GIRLS.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

I--WE UNDERSTAND.

CYCLOPS, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU. WHAT EXACTLY IS OUR PLAY HERE?

NOT NOW, ILLYANA.

NO, WAIT. WE NEED TO *DISCUSS* THIS.

SCOTT?

WE SAID, **NOT NOW.**

MADRID.

GET DOWN THERE, GORGON. TAKE FLINT, GRID AND NAJA, AND AS MANY OF THE CREW AS WE CAN SPARE.

DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP. TRY TO CALM PEOPLE DOWN-- OR AT LEAST KEEP THEM FROM HURTING EACH OTHER.

CRYSTAL... THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY ARE *PANICKING.*

WHY? TERRIGEN IS ***HARMLESS*** TO MOST HUMANS. WE'VE TOLD THEM A THOUSAND TIMES.

UH-HUH. I GUESS THEY LIKE CYCLOPS' STORY ***BETTER.***

OF COURSE.

YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO WITH THEM?

NO, ISO, I DON'T. I NEED YOU WITH ME.

BUT WHAT ARE WE GOING TO *DO?*

MEDUSA ORDERED US TO MAKE SURE NO MUTANTS CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TERRIGEN CLOUD.

IF WE HAD TIME, WE COULD HAVE MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE CITY AND PULLED THEM OUT ONE BY ONE.

BUT CYCLOPS RUINED THAT. OUR TIME IS UP. THE CLOUD'S ABOUT TO HIT.

WE CAN'T MOVE THE MUTANTS.

"SO WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE THE CLOUD."

I'M NOT SURE WE CAN ACTUALLY *DO* THIS! I'M KEEPING THE PRESSURE AROUND THE CLOUD AS LOW AS I CAN TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO MOVE, BUT THAT'S A *GIGANTIC* VOLUME OF AIR.

IT HAS TO WEIGH THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF KILOGRAMS. ARE YOUR POWERS THAT STRONG?

THEY'LL *HAVE* TO BE.

GO!

HELP ME, ISO!

I'M *TRYING!* IT'S TOO MUCH!

NNNNNGH!

CRYSTAL... THIS WILL... *KILL US.*

WE... CAN'T...DO IT... *ALONE...*

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

IT'S MOVING! WE'RE DOING IT!

THANK YOU BOTH FOR WHAT YOU DID HERE. YOU WERE TRYING TO SAVE MUTANTS. WE WILL NOT FORGET.

UH, ARE WE DONE, ACTUALLY? THE CITY WAS PANICKING. I'M NOT SURE MOVING THE CLOUD WOULD HAVE STOPPED THAT.

ISO'S RIGHT. THIS ISN'T OVER. NOT YET.

MUIR ISLAND.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, BROTHER. I WAS NOT SURE ANYONE WOULD.

OF COURSE, SNOWFLAKE. I CAME FOR JAMIE. BUT ALSO FOR YOU.

AND BY THE LOOKS OF THINGS, I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE. MORE MUTANTS ARE ARRIVING BY THE MINUTE.

AND, WHILE I AGREE THAT SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE ABOUT THE TERRIGEN, I MUST ADMIT THAT SCOTT'S RHETORIC MAKES ME A BIT UNCOMFORTABLE.

UNCOMFORTABLE?! THIS MIGHT BE THE END OF MUTANTKIND, PIOTR.

THE INHUMANS WILL NEVER ***WILLINGLY*** ELIMINATE THE TERRIGEN. IT'S ***SACRED*** TO THEM-- THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER. THIS CAN'T END WELL.

YES, BUT WHAT ARE SCOTT AND EMMA PLAYING AT?

I DON'T KNOW...

"...THEY HAVEN'T COME OUT OF THAT DAMNED RESEARCH FACILITY IN HOURS."

--EEP

I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER I CAN DO THIS--YOU NEED TO BE STRONG FOR THE BOTH OF US, SCOTT. NOT JUST FOR US...FOR *ALL* OF THEM.

DON'T YOU TWO EVER KNOCK?

SCOTT, EMMA...WE NEED TO TALK.

NOW.

IT'S HENRY AND STORM HAILING US AGAIN, SCOTT. I--I CAN'T TALK TO THEM. WHAT WOULD I SAY? WE ARE ON A PATH NOW, AND THERE IS NO TURNING BACK.

THEY'RE RIGHT, EMMA. IT'S TIME TO TELL THEM EVERYTHING.

LET'S TALK.

EMMA AND I WILL NOT SIT BY AND LET THE INHUMANS DESTROY US. WE HAVE A PLAN. WE'VE BEEN REACHING OUT, GATHERING ALLIES.

POWERFUL MUTANTS WHO AGREE WITH OUR POSITION, WITH MORE TO COME.

YOU CAN STEP BACK, OR YOU CAN HELP. BUT EITHER WAY...

"...IT IS TIME TO ACT."

MADRID.

GORGON! WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CITY?

CHAOS! THESE PEOPLE ARE TERRIFIED!

THIS ISN'T ABOUT TERRIGEN ANYMORE--IT'S TAKEN ON A LIFE OF ITS OWN.

STORM IS HERE WITH A TEAM OF MUTANTS. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO HELP YOU.

IT WON'T BE ENOUGH. THIS MAY JUST HAVE TO RUN ITS COURSE. WE CAN'T STOP IT.

ACTUALLY...

...I THINK WE CAN.

DAISUKE! I NEED YOU TO USE YOUR POWER--PUT EVERYONE TO SLEEP!

THE ENTIRE *CITY?*

YES. THE SITUATION NEEDS TO CALM DOWN. DO IT. I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

YOU MIGHT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, BUT I'M THE ONE WHO HAS TO *DO* IT.

I JUST *GOT* MY POWERS. I BARELY KNOW HOW THEY *WORK.*

THERE'S A BUNCH OF *MUTANTS* HERE. LIKE... *FAMOUS* ONES.

THIS WOULD PUT *THEM* OUT, TOO. ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?

I...

OKAY.

PEOPLE COULD BE *DYING* DOWN THERE. YOU CAN STOP IT. WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO GET STORM'S ATTENTION.

THE MUTANTS WILL UNDERSTAND.

DO IT.

"CYCLOPS ASKED ME TO REACH OUT TO YOU.

"YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID--THE TERRIGEN MIST IS KILLING US.

"SCOTT AND I HAVE A PLAN--IT WILL SAVE US ALL. IT WILL GIVE US OUR *PLANET* BACK.

"IT'S DANGEROUS. ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, AND WE WON'T GET A SECOND SHOT AT IT.

"WE NEED EVERY ADVANTAGE WE CAN GET. EVERY *EDGE.*

"THAT'S WHY WE NEED YOU. YOU'RE NOTHING *BUT* EDGE.

"WE DON'T ALWAYS AGREE. IN FACT, WE *RARELY* AGREE. BUT THIS THREAT IS *REAL* AND *IMMINENT.*

"I'M SENDING YOU FOOTAGE FROM MADRID.

"WE TRIED TO WORK WITH THE INHUMANS. OFFERED OUR HELP. THEY RESPONDED WITH AN *ATTACK.* STORM AND HER TEAM HAVE BEEN *TAKEN OUT.*"

INHUMANS AND MUTANTS *CANNOT* COEXIST. PRETENDING OTHERWISE IS A WASTE OF TIME, AND WE HAVE NO TIME LEFT.

WE HAVE TO ACT, ERIK. WE NEED YOU. WE NEED *MAGNETO.*

AH. YOU KNOW ME, EMMA...

I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP.

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MUIR ISLAND.

WHERE IS CYCLOPS?

PLEASE DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE ALREADY FORGOTTEN THE IMMINENT CRISIS THREATENING TO ERADICATE ALL MUTANTKIND, ERIK. I LITERALLY JUST TOLD YOU ABOUT IT.

SCOTT IS BUSY.

OH, I KNOW HE IS, EMMA.

FOCUS. LOOK AT THIS--ALL EXPERTLY TRAINED X-MEN, SOME OF OUR BEST--AND SEE WHAT THE INHUMANS DID TO THEM.

WE NEED TO ACT NOW. THE TERRIGEN CREATES MORE OF THEM EVERYWHERE IT GOES, WHILE IT PARES OUR NUMBERS DOWN ONE BY ONE. IT MUST BE DEALT WITH, ERIK.

THE INHUMANS CAN DO THAT MATH JUST AS EASILY AS WE CAN.

I MEAN, JUST LOOK AT THEM...

"...THEY'RE CELEBRATING."

MADRID.

THAT WAS INCREDIBLE, DAISUKE. REALLY WELL DONE.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I *DID* THAT, ISO. I JUST STOPPED A *RIOT*. ALL THOSE PEOPLE... SAFE. BECAUSE OF ME.

METRO

I DON'T EVEN *LIKE* MOST PEOPLE.

THAT WAS ABSOLUTELY *SPECTACULAR!*

WHAT'D I TELL YOU, GRID? DAISUKE'S POWERS ARE WILD.

HEARING ABOUT IT WAS ONE THING, NAJA, SEEING IT WAS ANOTHER.

THE *SECOND TIME.* AMAZING. ONCE GORGON GETS YOU TRAINED UP A BIT, WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DO!

AND YOU DID THAT WITHOUT TRAINING! THAT WAS WHAT...THE THIRD OR FOURTH TIME YOU'VE USED YOUR POWERS?

*UHMM...*SECOND, ACTUALLY. BUT IT'S NO BIG DEAL.

THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND, DO THEY? DAISUKE MIGHT HAVE JUST MADE HIMSELF SOME INCREDIBLY POWERFUL ENEMIES.

HE JUST KNOCKED OUT A SQUAD OF *X-MEN*, FOR RANDAC'S SAKE!

DAISUKE ACTED ON MY ORDERS, GORGON. IF THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES, THEY'LL LAND ON ME. AS THEY SHOULD.

I HOPE *STORM* SEES IT THAT WAY, CRYSTAL. WHEN SHE WAKES UP, I MEAN.

I LIKE DAISUKE. BE A SHAME IF HE GOT ELECTROCUTED ON HIS FIRST DAY.

YOU, MY FRIEND, NEED A ***NAME.***

I HAVE ONE. YOU ALREADY KNOW IT. DAISUKE.

NO. SHE MEANS AN ***INHUMAN*** NAME. LIKE A CODE-NAME. MY REAL NAME IS DINESH, BUT WITH THE INHUMANS I'M GRID.

YEAH, LIKE I'M FLINT, AND THE LADIES ARE ISO AND NAJA.

THE OLD-SCHOOL INHUMANS ARE REALLY BIG ON GIVING PEOPLE NEW NAMES AFTER TERRIGENESIS. IF YOU DON'T PICK YOUR OWN...

...THEY'LL PICK ONE FOR YOU. YOU DON'T WANT THAT.

YEAH. OUR FRIEND FRANK WOULDN'T DO IT, AND THEN MEDUSA DECIDED HE SHOULD BE CALLED ***NUR***, AND NOW THAT'S ALL ANYONE IN NEW ATTILAN CALLS HIM.

HE ***HATES*** IT.

THERE WASN'T A WAY TO SOLVE THINGS THAT DIDN'T INVOLVE TAKING OUT THE MUTANTS?

THE CITY WAS OUT OF CONTROL, GORGON. DAISUKE'S POWERS ARE HARMLESS, AND WE SAVED PEOPLE'S LIVES. WE CAN EXPLAIN TO THE MUTANTS ONCE THEY WAKE UP.

METROPOLIS

OR...WE COULD LEAVE NOW, AND CALL THEM LATER. LESS CHANCE OF A LIGHTNING BOLT IN THE FACE THAT WAY.

DON'T THINK I'M NOT TEMPTED--BUT NO. WE'LL FACE THIS. STORM IS A REASONABLE WOMAN.

SHE'LL UNDERSTAND.

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A NUR, DAISUKE. PICK SOMETHING.

BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

I... HMM. I DON'T...

NO. I HAVE IT.

CALL ME ***DOWNER.***

WE NEED YOUR HELP, ERIK. WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY WHILE THE INHUMANS' PRIMARY MOBILE STRIKE FORCE IS OCCUPIED IN MADRID WITH STORM AND HER GROUP...

NOT TO MENTION THE AFTERMATH OF THE CLOUD MOVING THROUGH THE CITY. THEY'LL BE LOOKING FOR THEIR REVOLTING INHUMAN COCOONS AND SUCH.

WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING?

I UNDERSTAND *PERFECTLY.*

IT SHOULD BE SIMPLE ENOUGH. CONTAIN THEM...KEEP ALL OF THEM IN MADRID, AS LONG AS YOU CAN. SCOTT AND I WILL HANDLE THE REST.

ERIK? CAN I COUNT ON YOU, OR SHOULD I MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS? I'VE BEEN AVOIDING CONTACT WITH SEBASTIAN SHAW AND THE HELLFIRE CLUB, BUT I'M SURE THEY WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO--

ENOUGH.

DO NOT THINK YOU CAN MANIPULATE ME LIKE THE ***OTHERS***, EMMA. DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I AM SAYING TO YOU?

GOOD. IN THAT CASE, I WILL SEE YOU IN SPAIN.

SCOTT...I THINK MAGNETO WILL HELP US.

I THINK HE KNOWS *EVERYTHING* WE HAVE PLANNED.

BUT YOU KNOW SOMETHING, MY DARLING?

THAT CHANGES *NOTHING*. IT'S TIME TO BEGIN.

YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND.

ARE WE SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PLACE?

DON'T ASK QUESTIONS WE ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWERS TO, CELESTE.

SHE'S JUST UPSET. LEAVE HER ALONE, IRMA.

CAN YOU BLAME ME? AFTER WHAT WE SAW IN MS. FROST'S HEAD?

YOU KNOW WE'RE **NOT** SUPPOSED TO TALK ABOUT THAT!

DON'T EVEN **THINK** IT!

YOU'RE RIGHT. SORRY, IT'S JUST--

JUST **NOTHING.** STOP IT, IRMA.

BOTH OF YOU SHUSH. AND GET YOUR **GAME FACES** ON.

KNOCK KNOCK

THOMAS JONES?

YOU'RE THE MUTANT CALLED *ALCHEMY*, RIGHT?

UM...ER--YES. I'M ALCHEMY. SURE. AND, *UH*, YOU-- YOU GUYS ARE THE WHATSIT--STEPFORD SISTERS?

CUCKOOS.

CUCKOOS. RIGHT. SO, *UM*... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I MEAN, NOT THAT I, *UH*--NOT THAT I'M NOT HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT--

WE'RE ON A TOP-SECRET MISSION FOR THE X-MEN.

YOU ARE?

WE ARE. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP, ALCHEMY.

YOU DO?

WE DO.

NNGH... WHAT...

NO.

ANGEL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? PLEASE, DON'T BE--

STORM? I'M... OF COURSE I'M ALL RIGHT. BUT WHY AM I ON THE GROUND? WHAT JUST--

OH, THANK THE GODDESS. I THOUGHT IT WAS THE TERRIGEN CLOUD-- THAT IT HIT US DESPITE EVERYTHING I DID WITH THE INHUMANS TO DIVERT IT FROM THE CITY.

NO... I FEEL FINE.

IT WASN'T THE TERRIGEN. WELL, NOT DIRECTLY.

LOOK AROUND. EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THIS CITY WAS ASLEEP.

EXCEPT FOR *THEM*.

DAMN. THIS HAPPENED MORE QUICKLY THAN I EXPECTED. PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO WAKE UP FROM DAISUKE'S--

DOWNER.

WHAT?

HE'S ***DOWNER*** NOW.

YEAH?

YEAH.

NICE. I LIKE IT.

PEOPLE ARE WAKING UP. THE ***MUTANTS*** ARE WAKING UP. WE HAVE TO EXPLAIN, BEFORE THEY JUMP TO THE WRONG CONCLUSION.

WE NEED TO GET ***DOWN*** THERE.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT--

--WE'LL COME UP.

YOU'RE AWAKE. GOOD. WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER TO HELP THE--

NO, CRYSTAL, IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE. YOU SEE, WE ***WERE*** HELPING.

AND ***THEN*** WE FOUND OURSELVES ***ASLEEP***, ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE--EXCEPT ALL OF ***YOU***.

HOW, I WONDER, DID ***THAT*** HAPPEN?

SO, BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ***EXPLAIN***.

COME ON, STORM. WE KNOW WHAT THEY DID. ONE OF THEM HIT US WITH THEIR POWERS.

YEAH, AND SAVED EVERYONE'S ASSES IN THE PROCESS.

IS THAT RIGHT? DID ***YOU*** DO IT, LITTLE MAN?

UNH!

BET YOU DID.

K-TINK

YOU DIDN'T LIKE THAT, DID YOU? SOMEONE USING THEIR POWERS ON YOU WITHOUT *PERMISSION.*

NOT REALLY--

--BUT I'LL GET OVER IT.

SSSKRCK

STAND DOWN, ALL OF YOU. WE NEED TO *TALK*, NOT FIGHT.

NO! THERE IS NO NEED FOR THIS!

IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY. I CAN JUST PUT THEM TO SLEEP AGAIN.

EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE.

NO, DON'T! THAT'S WHAT GOT US INTO THIS SITUATION IN THE FIRST PL--

SHRAK

WHA--

THD

COME ALONG, LITTLE MAN.

WAS THAT... *MAGIK?*

WHY WOULD ILLYANA *DO* THAT?!

YOU'RE ASKING ME? SHE'S BEEN AWOL SINCE THIS ALL STARTED!

THOOM

WHAT THE--?!

WHERE'S DOWNER? WHAT DID YOU DO TO HIM?

I--WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT!

THOOM THOOM

WE'RE UNDER ATTACK! RUN!

YOU THINK?!

WE NEED COVER!

*UH...*I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY COVER FROM THIS, STORM.

I'M SORRY, BUT NONE OF YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE.

ERIK, WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!

THOOM

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WHAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE STOMACH FOR, ORORO.

YOU THINK THIS WILL HOLD US, OLD MAN?!

YOU'VE CROSSED THE LINE, MAGNETO.

OH, I KNOW I HAVE. NOW THE QUESTION IS, WHAT ARE YOU WILLING TO DO ABOUT IT?

FIFTY KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF MADRID.

SHRAK

THERE IT IS.

I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER *SEEN* AN UGLIER SHADE OF GREEN.

INDEED.

SCOTT...

I'LL HANDLE IT.

ALCHEMY. I'M SORRY WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK. THINGS HAVE BEEN MOVING SO QUICKLY.

ER, RIGHT, THEN. NO PROBLEM, AH, SIR.

YOU CAN JUST CALL ME CYCLOPS. OR SCOTT. NO NEED FOR THE SIR.

OKAY. I-- *UH*, STILL CAN'T QUITE BELIEVE I'M HERE.

QUITE HONESTLY, I THOUGHT YOU'D FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT ME.

SEEMED FAIR--NEVER REALLY WAS MUCH OF A HERO.

I DISAGREE. IT TOOK A LOT OF ***BRAVERY*** FOR YOU TO FOLLOW THE CUCKOOS HERE.

MAKE NO MISTAKE, MUTANTS HAVE NEVER BEEN IN AS MUCH DANGER AS WE ARE RIGHT NOW. THIS IS ABOUT OUR ***VERY SURVIVAL.***

WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO... IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. BUT WE CAN'T DO IT ***WITHOUT YOU***, SON.

AH, LOVELY. NOTHING LIKE A BIT OF PRESSURE, RIGHT?

YEARS AGO, THE X-MEN SAVED YOU, SAVED YOUR MOTHER. YOU DON'T OWE US ANYTHING FOR THAT-- IT'S JUST WHAT WE DO.

WE WANT TO ***KEEP*** DOING THAT, FOR EVERYONE.

BUT LET ME BE CLEAR-- IF YOU HELP US HERE TODAY, WE LIVE. IF NOT, WE DIE.

YOU CAN SAVE US, ALCHEMY. YOU CAN DO WHAT WE DO.

YOU CAN BE AN X-MAN.

OF ALL THE TRANSPARENT PLOYS... YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?

I ***WANT*** TO BE TRANSPARENT. THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF ***TRICK***. I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND, AND THEN I WANT YOU TO MAKE A CHOICE, OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

BUT I NEED YOU TO DO THAT ***NOW***. WHAT DO YOU SAY? X-MAN?

I SAY...

...X-MAN.

GOOD.

LET'S GET TO WORK.

FIFTY KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF MADRID.

ALL RIGHT. THIS IS IT.

ARE WE SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

QUIET, IRMA!

MS. FROST KNOWS WHAT SHE IS DOING!

I CERTAINLY DO, MY DEARS.

AND SO DOES SCOTT. DON'T YOU, DARLING?

YES. I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERNS, AND I SHARE THEM. BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE. THIS IS ABOUT SURVIVAL. *OUR SURVIVAL.*

ARE YOU READY, BOY?

YES, SUNFIRE. I THINK SO.

"GOOD. THEN UP WE GO."

MADRID.

ERIK?! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING *ATTACKING US?!*

I AM SORRY, ORORO. BUT YOU ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THIS. THERE WAS NO TIME TO WARN YOU, OR TO DEBATE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.

METROPOLIS

STOP! STAND DOWN! CRYSTAL, CONTROL YOUR TEAM!

ME?! WHAT ABOUT MAGNETO? AREN'T THESE GUYS ON *YOUR* TEAM?

STOP YOUR ATTACK, ERIK. *NOW.*

IF I WERE *REALLY* ATTACKING YOU'D *KNOW IT*, ORORO. I AM SIMPLY CONTAINING YOU.

CONTAINING? WHAT ARE YOU-- OH, NO.

CRYSTAL!

NO!

MEDUSA-- MUTANTS ARE ABOUT TO ATTACK THE TERRIGEN CLOUD, JUST OUTSIDE MADRID!

MAGNETO HAS US PINNED DOWN--WE CAN'T--

ACKNOWLEDGED, CRYSTAL. WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

HOW HIGH, ALCHEMY?

I'D PREFER TO BE BACK ON THE GROUND, HONESTLY--BUT GET ME RIGHT ABOVE THE CENTER OF THE CLOUD. SHOULD BE THE BEST SPOT.

FWOOSH

UNGH!

AH!

THANK YOU, INFERNO. THAT WAS AN EXCELLENT SHOT.

AGH!

KRCK

CUCKOOS! THE INHUMAN ROYALS--YOU NEED TO *STALL* THEM.

MEDUSA? AND *BLACK BOLT?*

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO--

FIGURE IT OUT! IF THEY STOP US HERE, WE'LL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.

NO, BLACK BOLT. NOT YET. I'M HOPING THERE'S ANOTHER WAY.

DON'T ACT WITHOUT MY ORDER-- BUT IF I'M WRONG, AND THERE *IS* NO WAY TO GET THROUGH THIS PEACEFULLY, YOU'LL HAVE IT.

IF THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME...

...THEN THEY'LL LISTEN TO YOU.

SHRAK

WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?* THE INHUMANS ARE *HERE,* RIGHT NOW! GET BACK UP THERE AND *DO YOUR PART!*

I JUST FELL OUT OF THE *SKY,* FOR GOD'S SAKE! I THINK MY *ARM* IS BROKEN!

AND I'LL BREAK THE *OTHER* ONE IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR SKINNY LITTLE--

EMMA.

AH...ALL RIGHT, SCOTT. *YOU* TALK TO HIM, THEN.

HOW BAD IS IT?

WHAT DO YOU THINK? IT *HURTS!*

I KNOW, AND I'M SORRY...

...BUT YOU NEED TO WORK THROUGH IT. THIS IS BIGGER THAN PAIN. THIS IS BIGGER THAN *YOU.*

EVEN THIS MUCH PAIN. YOU CAN SET IT ASIDE. TRUST ME.

I'VE BEEN DOING IT ALL MY LIFE.

HELP ME UP.

NOW... YOU'RE ***SURE*** YOU'LL CATCH ME, SUNFIRE?

YES. FOCUS ON ***YOUR*** JOB-- YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT MINE.

YOU'RE RIGHT-- I SHOULD THINK THIS THROUGH.

I'LL HAVE TO CHANGE THIS TERRIGEN RUBBISH THE MOMENT I TOUCH IT--DON'T WANT TO GET ANY OF THE POISON INTO MY SYSTEM.

WE NEED TO PLAN THIS PROPERLY. I DON'T WANT ANY BLOODSHED.

WE'VE STOPPED THEIR ATTACK ON THE CLOUD-- IT SHOULD BUY US A LITTLE TIME TO ***TALK*** TO THEM.

UH, MEDUSA...

HOW CAN WE STALL THEM? MEDUSA, BLACK BOLT, AND TRITON ALL HAVE PSYCHIC DEFENSES.

MS. FROST COULD PROBABLY GET PAST THEM, BUT ***WE*** CAN'T.

...ABOUT STOPPING THE MUTANTS' ATTACK--

--I'M NOT SURE WE ACTUALLY ***DID.***

DAMN THEM!

YOU KNOW, CELESTE, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO THE ROYALS.

BUT NOT ALL OF THEM ACTUALLY ***ARE*** ROYALS. ***BRILLIANT***, PHOEBE.

YES. I THOUGHT SO, TOO.

BLACK BOLT--FLY UP THERE AND KNOCK THEM BACK DOWN TO EARTH.

I'M SICK OF THIS--THE MUTANTS NEED TO UNDERSTAND HOW SERIOUS WE ARE.

SHRAK

WHAT THE *HELL?*

CHOOM

PERFECT.

WAIT...

WHERE THE HELL DID SHE *GO?*

BLACK BOLT!

GOOD LUCK, ALCHEMY. DO NOT FAIL.

OH, GOD. I ALREADY REGRET THIS IMMENSELY.

I DID IT, SUNFIRE. CHANGED THE *WHOLE BLOODY* CLOUD.

HELLO, GIRLS.

AH, CRAP.

DIDN'T LET IT TOUCH ME *ONCE*.

BY THE *MISTS*...

HA! MS. FROST DID IT!

IT'S HAPPENING. WE DID IT.

OF COURSE. TOGETHER, MY DEAR, WE CAN ACHIEVE *ANYTHING*.

OH, MAN. THIS AIN'T GOOD.

HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANYTHING SO *LOVELY?*

IF ANYONE EVER ASKS, ILLYANA, TELL THEM THAT VICTORY IS *RED.*

AND HERE HE IS. ALCHEMY. THE *CONQUERING HERO.*

WELL DONE, YOUNG MAN! I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT--

I THINK... I THINK THE BOY IS *SICK.*

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT, THOMAS.

YOU'RE A GOOD SOLDIER. A GOOD SOLDIER.

I'M... I'M NOT A... SOL--

THEY'RE COMING. I CAN FEEL THEIR MINDS. A GROUP OF X-MEN WITH STORM, AND A GROUP OF INHUMANS WITH MEDUSA'S SISTER, CRYSTAL.

THIS IS ALL ABOUT TO GET RATHER COMPLICATED.

STAY HERE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO SAVE THE X-MEN.

OBVIOUSLY.

INHUMANS!

CYCLOPS. WHAT HAVE YOU *DONE?*

I HAD ONE OF MY PEOPLE CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE TERRIGEN CLOUD INTO SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TOXIC TO MUTANTS.

AND BEFORE YOU ASK, DON'T WORRY. IT'S HARMLESS TO INHUMANS, WHICH IS A GREATER COURTESY THAN YOU SHOWED TO *US.*

I DIDN'T EXPECT THE RAIN, THOUGH. THAT WAS A NICE TOUCH.

BUT *WHY?* YOU HAVE MADE ENEMIES OF US FOREVER!

WE ALREADY *WERE.* EVER SINCE YOU POISONED OUR PLANET.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS! WE DIDN'T--

WELL. YOU HAVE A STORY. I HAVE A STORY. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH ONE IS TRUE.

IT MATTERS WHICH ONE IS *BELIEVED.*

I WILL NOT BE TAKEN PRISONER, MEDUSA. THERE'S ANOTHER CLOUD OUT THERE, AFTER ALL. I STILL HAVE WORK TO DO.

SO. THIS CAN GO EASY OR HARD. I'D PREFER EASY-- I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE. I NEVER DID.

HOWEVER IT GOES...I'M READY. I'VE LOVED WHO I NEEDED TO LOVE. FOUGHT MY BATTLES.

"LOST THE ONLY PERSON I EVER CARED FOR."

WHAT IS HE DOING, EMMA? SHOULDN'T WE HELP HIM?

NO! JUST... LEAVE HIM BE. HE'S...DOING WHAT HE HAS TO.

I'VE BEEN A STUDENT, A WARRIOR, A TEACHER, A REVOLUTIONARY, A...KILLER.

I'VE TRIED TO LEARN FROM MY MISTAKES, INSPIRE PEOPLE--HELP EVERY WAY I CAN.

BUT NOW... EVERYTHING'S ***TAINTED.*** TOO MUCH HAS HAPPENED. I'M NOT EVEN A ***PERSON*** ANYMORE.

I'M GONE. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE IDEA OF ME.

BUT HERE'S THE NICE THING...

YES.

...IDEAS NEVER DIE.

MUIR ISLAND. ONE WEEK LATER.

SCOTT SUMMERS
CYCLOPS
TEACHER-WARRIOR-HERO
MUTANT
HE FOUGHT FOR US

LIFE AS A MUTANT SOMETIMES FEELS LIKE A CONSTANT FIGHT FOR OUR SPECIES' SURVIVAL AGAINST IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.

I KNOW THAT. WE ALL DO.

BUT THIS ENDLESS BATTLE HAS A *PURPOSE*. WE FIGHT IN THE HOPE THAT SOMEHOW, SOME WAY, A DAY WILL COME WHEN WE, OR OUR DESCENDANTS, DO NOT *HAVE* TO FIGHT.

A DAY OF PEACE FOR ALL MUTANTS.

NO ONE SAW THAT DAY MORE CLEARLY THAN SCOTT SUMMERS.

WHAT GAME ARE YOU PLAYING *NOW*, EMMA FROST?

MY, THE WOMAN CAN *TALK*.

SHE ALWAYS COULD, FROST. COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.

IF SHE COULDN'T, YOU'D BE ROTTING IN SOME JAIL ON NEW ATTILAN.

OR YOU'D BE *DEAD*.

INSTEAD, STORM WAS ABLE TO NEGOTIATE A ***TRUCE.***

MM. WE LEAVE THE INHUMANS ALONE, THEY LEAVE US ALONE. WE ALL LICK OUR WOUNDS, ACCEPT OUR LOSSES AND MOVE ON.

WHILE HANK McCOY KEEPS WORKING WITH MEDUSA'S SCIENTISTS ON NEW ATTILAN TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT A SOLUTION TO TERRIGEN TOXICITY.

ALL TIED UP NEAT WITH A BOW.

EXCEPT IT'S NOT.

NO, ALEX, IT'S NOT. SCOTT SUMMERS--YOUR BROTHER, AND THE ONLY MAN I EVER ***WANTED*** TO GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ME--IS STILL DEAD.

IS HE, EMMA? BECAUSE HE'S SURE AS HELL NOT DOWN THERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I WAS ***THERE*** WHEN BLACK BOLT--

STOP, EMMA. THE OTHERS TOLD ME HOW SCOTT DIED. SUICIDE BY ***BLACK BOLT.***

BUT IT ***WASN'T*** SCOTT, WAS IT? HE'S MY ***BROTHER.*** HE'D ***NEVER*** HAVE GONE OUT THAT WAY. HE ***NEVER*** GAVE UP. IT WAS ALMOST ***IRRITATING.***

TELL ME THIS IS ALL SOME TRICK. THAT HE'S JUST IN HIDING SOMEWHERE, AS PART OF SOME ELABORATE SCHEME YOU TWO COOKED UP.

I WISH I COULD, ALEX. I WOULD GIVE QUITE A BIT FOR THAT TO BE TRUE. BUT IT'S NOT.

COME WITH ME. I SUPPOSE YOU DESERVE TO KNOW.

LIMBO.

SHROUK

YOU! NO! STAY AWAY!

CALM YOURSELF, LITTLE ONE. I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY.

I AM HERE TO TAKE YOU HOME.

THIS IS LIMBO, DAISUKE. I BROUGHT YOU HERE ON THE ORDERS OF EMMA FROST, SO YOUR POWERS COULD NOT DISRUPT HER PLANS.

IT IS A DARK DIMENSION, FULL OF BEASTS--BUT YOU ARE SAFE AS LONG AS I AM HERE.

I DON'T KNOW WHO *EMMA FROST* IS.

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?

IT'S ALL OVER.

YOUR PEOPLE AND MINE NEARLY DESTROYED EACH OTHER, I THINK.

YOU SAID YOU CAN TAKE ME HOME--GOOD. JUST MAKE SURE IT'S FAR AWAY FROM *THEM*, AND *YOU*, AND ANYWHERE LIKE *THIS*.

PLEASE. THIS...IT JUST WASN'T WHAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. I FEEL LIKE I WAS *LIED TO*.

MM. YOU KNOW SOMETHING, MY FRIEND?

WE LOST SOME GOOD MUTANTS, BUT ONE OF THE TERRIGEN CLOUDS IS GONE. EMMA FROST IS PLEASED. YOUR PEOPLE... NOT SO MUCH.

YOU KEEP SAYING *MY PEOPLE*. DO YOU MEAN THE INHUMANS? THEY AREN'T *MY* PEOPLE.

THEY'RE *MANIACS*. SO ARE YOU. MUTANTS, INHUMANS...IT'S JUST BEEN...*HORROR*, EVER SINCE I CAME OUT OF THAT COCOON.

"SOMETIMES I FEEL THE SAME WAY."

SCOTT.

HOW-- WHEN--?

IT HAPPENED WHEN WE FIRST CAME HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE TERRIGEN CLOUD. HE AND I ENTERED THE FACILITY. HE STARTED COUGHING...

"THEN HE FELL."

IT HAPPENED FAST. THE M-POX SPREAD IN MINUTES. HE SUFFOCATED IN MY ARMS. AND THEN...

AND THEN YOU *LIED*. YOU LIED TO *EVERYONE*, EMMA.

"THE TELEPATHIC BROADCAST. HIS CALL TO ARMS.

"THE ATTACK ON THE TERRIGEN CLOUD.

"WHEN BLACK BOLT *KILLED HIM*, FOR GOD'S SAKE!"

NONE OF IT WAS REAL. HE WAS HERE THE WHOLE TIME.

"IT HAD TO BE DONE, ALEX. I COULDN'T LET HIM DIE LIKE THIS...FALLING TO DISEASE IN SOME LAB.

"HE DESERVED MORE THAN THAT. HIS DEATH HAD TO MEAN *SOMETHING*.

"HE WAS BORN TO LEAD, BORN TO INSPIRE.

"DON'T YOU SEE, ALEX...

"...SCOTT ISN'T DEAD."

COUGH COUGH

SCOTT?!

E-EMMA!

SCOTT, STAY WITH ME, DARLING! I'M HERE!

GO! GET AWAY--THE TERRIGEN--!

NO! I WON'T LEAVE YOU.

WE--CAN'T--CAN'T END LIKE THIS.

SCOTT, I DON'T--

DON'T LET IT END, EMMA!

CYCLOPS IS *STILL ALIVE.* HE ISN'T THIS *MEAT.* NOT ANYMORE.

I MADE HIM AN *IDEA.* THAT WAS MY GIFT TO THE MAN I LOVED.

AND THANK GOD FOR THAT, BECAUSE HIS WORK ISN'T DONE.

THERE'S STILL ANOTHER TERRIGEN CLOUD OUT THERE, AFTER ALL.

I MADE HIM AN IDEA...

...AND IDEAS NEVER DIE.

END.

AARON KUDER & MORRY HOLLOWELL

1 variant

AARON KUDER

1 black & white variant

MIKE CHOI & DAN BROWN
1-4 connecting variants

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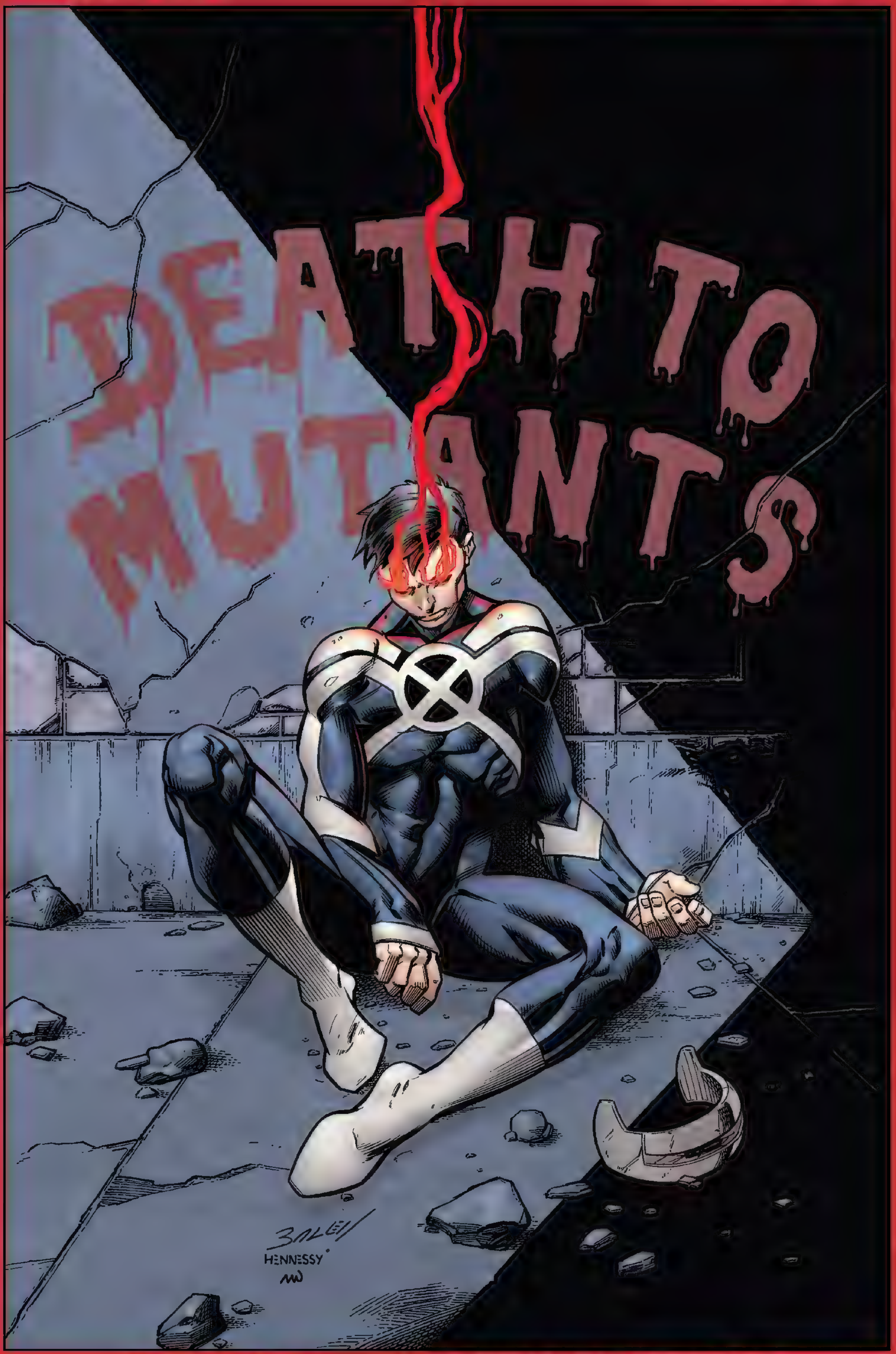
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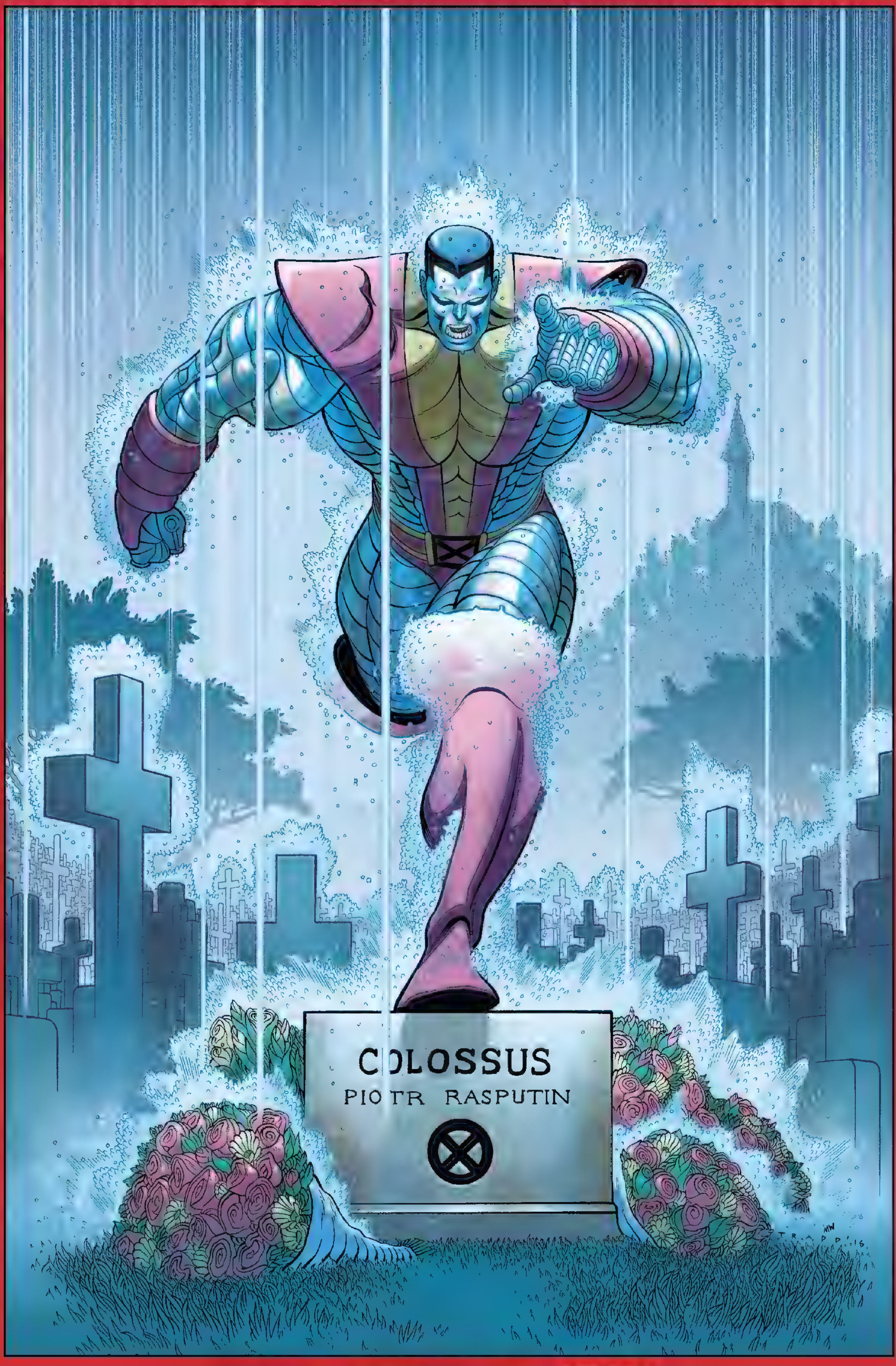

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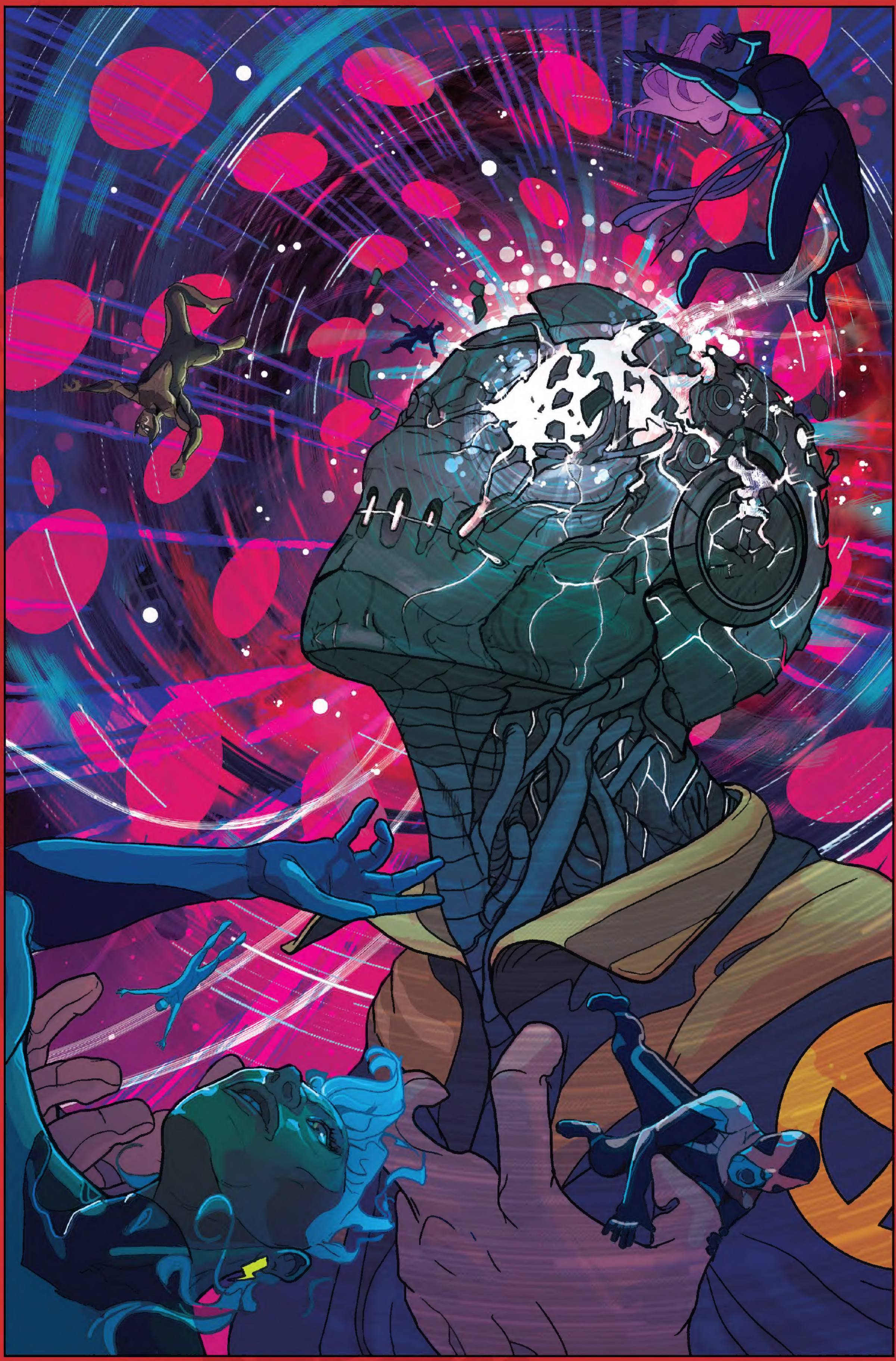

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